Years	ACA Allocation (Rs. in lakh)	ACA Release (Rs. in lakh)	No. of villages
2002-03	1438.00	1438.00	654
2003-04	1438.00	1438.00	1242
2004-05	1705.00	1705.00	Not Reported

(c) and (d) The scheme, Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) has been discontinued from the current Annual Plan 2005-06 and there is no allocation for PMGY in 2005-06 Budget.

Development/Implementation of rural roads in the country

862. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for the development/implementation of rural roads in the country during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government made any allocation of funds for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last two years and the results achieved thereon, State-wise;

(d) whether the country still lags behind many countries in development of rural roads;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed to the taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) : (a) 'Rural Roads' is a State subject. The construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been taken up by the State Governments in accordance with the guidelines of PMGSY. This Scheme, which is in operation since December, 2000, has the objective to provide connectivity to all Unconnected habitations in the rural areas with a population of more than 500 persons (250 persons in the case of North Eastern States, Hill States, Desert and Tribal (Schedule-V) areas) by the end of the Tenth Plan period. To speed up the rural road connectivity, a Rural Road component has been included in the Bharat Nirman, which is a major business plan to rebuild the rural India. This component has a goal to provide connectivity to all villages with population of 1000 (500 in the case of Hilly or Tribal areas) with all Weather road by 2009. The programme is being implemented in all States.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State-wise release of funds and length of roads constructed under the Programme since inception are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(d) to (f) Since the inception of PMGSY, the scheme has been making steady progress in the development of the rural roads in the country. A number of measures have been taken to enhance the project implementation capacity at the State and District Levels. These include preparation of District Rural Roads Plan, Core Networks, publication of the Book of Specifications and the Standard Data Book, Formulation of the Standard Bidding Document, outsourcing of technical inputs and training of the engineering personnel involved in the process of execution of the roadworks. The Ministry of Rural Development regularly reviews the progress of works.

Statement

State-wise release of funds and length of roads constructed under PMGSY since its inception

Sl. No.	State	Release of funds	Length (in Km.)
1	Andhra Pradesh	829.09	7626.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	127.64	993.33
3	Assam	566.00	832.56
4	Bihar	513.56	1109.00
5	Chhattisgarh	915.48	3826.32
6	Goa	10.15	158.70
7	Gujarat	261.91	1930.66
8	Haryana	158.38	1029.43
9	Himachal Pradesh	357.93	1431.91
10	Jammu & Kashmir	75.96	66.05
11	Jharkhand	423.38	1863.57
12	Karnataka	457.49	4502.51
13	Kerala	80.52	309.90
14	Madhya Pradesh	1772.23	8329.11
15	Maharashtra	456.53	3080.99
16	Manipur	98.14	539.89
17	Meghalaya	116.16	659.91
18	Mizoram	166.53	894.41
19	Nagaland	107.50	1508.11
20	Orissa	979.73	3884.00
21	Punjab	138.02	749.23
22	Rajasthan	1609.63	11178.04

Sl. No.	State	Release of funds	Length (in Km.)
23	Sikkim	71.26	1316.72
24	Tamil Nadu	434.89	2957.99
25	Tripura	96.68	449.27
26	Uttar Pradesh	2209.90	13347.26
27	Uttaranchal	201.93	476.03
28	West Bengal	857.67	2667.41
	TOTAL:	14094.26	77455.72

Funding base of CAPART

863. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funding base of Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) is only Rs.60 crores whereas applications seeking grant worth Rs. 6000 crores have been received; and

(b) if so, how is it proposed to give grants to organizations which want to take up developmental activities in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) : (a) and (b) A budget provision of Rs.70.00 crores has been made for CAPART in the year 2005-06. The applications worth around Rs. 473.19 crores are pending in CAPART as on 15.11.2005 which are being processed as per prescribed procedure.

Directions for implementing Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

864. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has provided directions for the implementation of Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the action plan of Government to ensure vigilance and accountability in the project; and

(d) whether Governmnet have selected some districts on the basis of SC/ST population; and

(e) if so, the districts that have been selected in the SC/ST dominated Orissa State which has the highest density of STs in the country?